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In re Application of:  
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Serial No. 10/022,476

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL**

Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner grant special status to the above-identified application ("Application") under 37 C.F.R. 1.102(d) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02 (IV). This application should be made special because one of the applicants, Eugene Gans, is over 65 years of age (see Declaration of Dr. Gans attached as Exhibit A).

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant special status to the above-identified patent application based upon Applicant's Age. Should the Commissioner have any questions regarding this Petition, Applicant requests the courtesy of a telephone conference.

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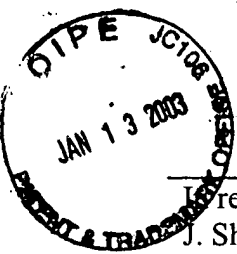
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